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more often. So, with that I guess I will close before I put my foot in my mouth here, and I just hope for your support for the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 21. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 21.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 21 advances. LB 34.

CLERK: LB 34 was introduced by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Robinson to open on the bill.

SENATOR ROBINSON: May I have a gavel, please? I can hardly hear myself think. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: (Gavel.) Senator, you may proceed.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I don't think very often either. That's all right. I'm presenting this...this bill brought to the committee by NACO and Senator Vrtiska carried it. Basically, what it is is to put into statute the...so the counties can use the impress system of accounting. And the...they're using it now, they can do it by resolution. Basically, that's what the bill does. Basically, though, it also gives the county board members a more accurate picture of the current fund balances, much more so than the warrant fund method, and as I said to begin with, basically it just gives the...puts in statute so the county board can use this system of accounting. And that's it. And if you have any questions, I'll attempt to try to answer those.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the